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To:

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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC

Attention: Natalie A. Pass
Response to Patent Claims Rejection
Application No. 09/945,867

I wish to request your further review of my patent application and claims rejected on June 13, 2002; for my One Page Purchasing System, with an extension of time to make necessary changes.

The criteria for acceptance of electronic patents was described by John Love, Group Director of the Patent Office, in the September 2001 CFO Magazine"

1. It must be non obvious, innovative and useful
2. The technology may not be new, but its effect is.

I believe my invention conforms to this criteria.

My Provisional Patent Application filed September 13, 2000 was succeeded by my non Provisional Application filed September 4, 2001. Before filing my second application I was pleased to confirm my conviction that my system is innovative as determined from the attached Reuters article dated June 5, 2001 which said that Ariba and Commerce One were the only dominating companies in the electronic procurement industry and they were only creating requisitions.

I am most anxious to correct the Objections and Rejections listed in your Office Action Summary, and recapped in the attached page, and am very inexperienced about patent dialog and protective measures. Here's where I have a few problems.

I do not have the resources to secure a patent attorney, and am not in the greatest shape to travel to Washington to meet with you, At 87, I'm not very mobile and taking Chemo to fight cancer, which restricts my activities..

As the first step, I hope you find that my attached responses dismiss the anticipations and obviousness, leaving the more manageable points to be resolved.

Having labored three years developing an innovative system, which I think is a winner, I don't know what to do to get this on track, and need your help and guidance. After you have had time to review the attached, I'll call to get your thoughts on how this can be resolved...

Best Regards,



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TO: Ms. Pass:

I've rewritten my claims, which you will find here, and greatly appreciate access to the claims of the several patents sent me, which were very helpful. I'm sure my claims need further improvement, but I'm learning.

Thanks.

Hal Hynes